

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David Johnston Lynch
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For : Ratings Control System with
Temporary Override Capability
Examiner: Jason J. Chung
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 4, 2002 for which a response is due 4 February 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A video signal processing system for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce a displayed image, the video processing system having a ratings control system which blocks viewing of programs which are broadcast with ratings or spending information which are outside a normal profile set by a supervisor, which permits the supervisor to temporarily modify the ratings profile, and which automatically restores the normal profile at the end of the period.

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6. (Amended) Method for blocking viewing or recording or television programs which are broadcast with ratings information or spending information which is outside a range selected by a supervisor comprising (A) receiving one or more profiles comprising